

Selectmen's Report for 2006

The Board of Selectmen thanks you for allowing us the opportunity to guide our community government during 2006. It was a busy year, and at the end, the town appears to be in excellent condition, and the groundwork for the future of Lamoine is well established.

Our function is to see that the day-to-day operations are able to take place effectively and efficiently. To that end, we enacted a number of policies this year that provide the people who work for us with guidelines in the workplace. Included was a new policy for using the town attorney and one that requires that complaints be put in writing. A new emergency operations plan was also enacted. That has resulted in a newly compiled policy manual that was placed within the various work sites this year, and on the town's website.

A major part of our function is the hiring process. We're pleased to say that staff turnover was minimal this year, so hiring was minimal. We welcome **Michael Jordan** onto the staff as the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Our regular paid staff remains intact – **Stu Marckoon** begins his 15th year as our Administrative Assistant, **Allen Sternfield** completed his 13th year as Transfer Station Manager, **Kathy DeFusco** will begin her 4th year as Assistant Tax Collector/Assistant Clerk, **Jennifer Kovacs**, who will become a Mom in 2007, finished her 3rd year as **Tax Collector/Town Clerk** and **Dennis Ford** has entered his 3rd year as the Code Enforcement Officer.

The Board was involved in developing several consent agreements this year. One involved a subdivision development road which was built too close to an adjacent landowner, and the other, resulting in a fine as well as a consent agreement, revolved around the placement of a cottage in the Shoreland Zone without a permit. A third agreement is in process which focuses on several nonconforming shore lots in a development which were permitted in error.

The board worked diligently with the Planning Board, Parks Commission, School, and Fire Department during the year. We helped form the Veterans' Memorial Committee, and look forward to the outcome of January's vote on a major school project. We honored volunteers with a program at the school in May. The board also utilized unspent administration funds to begin a program to display flags on utility poles during the summer months. Major improvements to road shoulders were accomplished. The Selectmen looked into flooring issues at the town hall, helped assure that a new roof was installed on the fire station, and the fire station walls and floor were painted. We look forward to replacing the roof at the town hall next year. We've attempted to attract a cellular telephone company to build a tower in Lamoine, and have worked with Time Warner to assure that areas that qualify for cable TV service are served. We even secured a grant for the state to install a public interest pay phone at the school.

Finally, the rest of us extend our best wishes and thanks to fellow board member **Perry Fowler** who is retiring after two terms as a Selectman.

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Cynthia Donaldson
Perry Fowler*

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